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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT: DCI Appearance before CIA Subcommittees of Senate  
Armed Services and Senate Appropriations -  
Monday, 5 March 1962, 10:30 a.m.**

1. The Director met with the CIA Subcommittees of Senate Armed Services and Senate Appropriations in a joint meeting on Monday, 5 March 1962, beginning at 10:30 a.m. and lasting for approximately two hours. The members of these Subcommittees were briefed on the Powers case. Present from the Agency were:

John A. McCone, Director of Central Intelligence

Lawrence R. Houston, General Counsel

Legislative Counsel

Intelligence Officer

Consulting Psychologist  
USAF

Present from the Subcommittees were:

Senator Richard B. Russell

Senator Harry Flood Byrd

Senator John Stennis

Senator Leverett Saltonstall

Senator Milton R. Young

from the staff was also present.

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2. The Director read his prepared statement. During the course of various questions, the OXCART project was discussed briefly. In addition, the Director commented on the recent U-2 flights over China, North Vietnam, Cuba and projected flights.

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4. Senator Russell seemed a little disturbed that we had found no technically feasible way of destroying the film.

5. Discussion then turned to the press conference or public committee hearings with Powers as a witness. Senator Saltonstall thought that the Senate Armed Services should have Powers to protect him from a press conference and also to avoid other committees. Senator Byrd strongly endorsed this suggestion. Eventually Senator Russell said this would be a good way to demonstrate publicly the legislative oversight jurisdiction of CIA by Senate Armed Services as opposed to Senator Foreign Relations. Senator Saltonstall also mentioned the agreement that there would be no public comment until a public release by the CIA Subcommittee of House Armed Services and this Subcommittee set for 12 o'clock the next day.

6. There seemed to be complete satisfaction by the members that the case was answered fully in all respects.

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Legislative Counsel

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